

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-268-C - ORDER NO. 2005-513
SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER
Inc. for Waivers for Victims of Hurricane) APPROVING
Katrina.) WAIVERS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) for waivers of certain telecommunications charges for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

BellSouth notes that in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, it is providing certain waivers to its residence and business customers that have been impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The Company notes that many customers impacted by Katrina are relocating to other BellSouth states, including South Carolina. BellSouth, therefore, is extending the same waivers to its retail customers that are victims of Hurricane Katrina and that relocate to South Carolina and other states in the BellSouth region.

Specifically, BellSouth wishes to offer the following waivers to qualifying retail customers on orders placed through September 30, 2005:

Non-recurring charges:

-Waivers of installation charges: one waiver applies at the time a customer moves into a new location (which may be temporary or permanent), and another waiver applies when the customer moves back to the original premises.

-Waiver of the Secondary Service Order Charge for Remote Call Forwarding, Call Forwarding Variable, Remote Access to Call Forwarding, Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Call Forwarding Busy Line, Message Waiting Indication, Star98 Access and Voice Mail Companion Services Package.

Recurring charges:

-One free month of Remote Call Forwarding, Call Forwarding Variable, Remote Access to Call Forwarding, Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Call Forwarding Busy Line, Message Waiting Indication, Star98 Access and Voice Mail Companion Services Package.

-One free month of MemoryCall Service or BellSouth Voice Mail Service.

Termination charges:

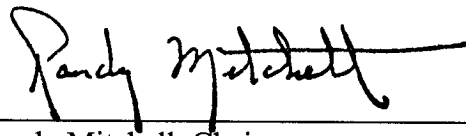
-To the extent applicable, a waiver of termination charges associated with term election agreements in situations where a business is no longer operational because of the damage from the hurricane, and the business does not reopen or relocate.

We approve the waiver of non-recurring charges, recurring charges, and termination charges as described by BellSouth through September 30, 2005. We believe that the waiver of these charges is in the public interest and will greatly aid the victims of

Hurricane Katrina who have moved to South Carolina. We commend BellSouth for its efforts in attempting to aid these victims through the waiver of the various charges.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. O'Neal Hamilton", written over a horizontal line.

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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